

ABSTRACT

When an optical material layer such as an organic-inorganic hybrid material is employed as an optical component or an optical recording medium, the effect of thickness unevenness caused by drying is eliminated. An optical recording medium 20 is configured by providing on a substrate 10 an organic-inorganic hybrid material layer 12 applied thereto and dried thereon, covering this layer with an organosilicon resin 16, and stacking a translucent substrate 18 on the organosilicon resin 16. The effect of the thickness unevenness of the hybrid material layer 12 is eliminated by reducing the refractive index difference between the hybrid material layer 12 and the organosilicon resin 16 to thereby make them optically continuous and integrated.

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